

DISCUSS WATER FOR SIX HOURS

Real Estate Dealers Have a Lively Debate.

MANY CONFLICTING IDEAS

DEFINITE ACTION POSTPONED PENDING LEGAL INQUIRY.

The members of the Salt Lake Real Estate association spent six hours yesterday discussing the ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of Salt Lake City at a special election, Jan. 3, 1905, the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of \$500,000 for the purpose of increasing the water supply, and a bonded debt of \$150,000 for establishing a supplemental sewer system. The only conclusion arrived at was to have the legal aspect of the two propositions investigated and reported upon at another meeting to be held next Wednesday evening. If an agreement can be reached the association will go on record as favoring or opposing the scheme.

W. W. Houston, president of the association, presided, and Mayor Richard P. Morris, Councilman F. S. Fernstrom and T. R. Black, John E. Dooly, J. D. Wood and Charles Crane were present by invitation as guests of the association and to enlighten its members on the water and sewerage questions. The discussion was preceded by a dinner in one of the club rooms.

Talk Is General.

President Houston announced that it was the desire of the association membership to have a full and fair discussion of the two questions. After some preliminary talk on the water question, in which various persons joined, Mayor Morris called on to present the city's side of the proposition to bond the city. He gave an outline of the ordinance and of the report of the special committee of the council, composed of Councilmen Hewlett, Fernstrom and Wells in which all the proposed sources of supply are named, together with the number of gallons that can be obtained therefrom at the amount of money to be expended and other data are set forth. He was kept busy during the next half hour answering questions propounded by a dozen or more persons, as when the flow from Spring Creek was not to be used; why it was sought to bind the city in a contract with 300 or 400 farmers; why water was not to be bought outright; if he didn't think it better to have some of the features of the ordinance eliminated; and wouldn't it be advisable to build the proposed Cottonwood conduit first and make arrangements to get water as needed later? To all of these questions Mayor Morris answered that in his opinion it would be safe and proper to follow the scheme as devised by the special committee. He contended that the proposition to exchange water with the farmers was the best that could be presented at this time. He said that enough money could not be provided to buy the land owned by the farmers in order to secure to the city perpetual first rights to the water. Some farmers wanted \$1,000 an acre and others would be satisfied with \$500 an acre for their lands. The borrowing power of the city was limited to \$1,250,000, 4 per cent of the assessed property valuation within the corporation.

Only Way, Says Fernstrom.

Councilman Fernstrom also explained the provisions of the ordinance and told that the members of this council special committee were aiming to accomplish. He said there was no other way to get an adequate water supply except that embodied in the ordinance and in the plan submitted by the committee and adopted by the council.

John E. Dooly, who was fortified with maps of the water sheds of Mill Creek, Big and Little Cottonwood, City Creek, Parley's creek and Utah lake and a copy of the contract under discussion, and also a copy of the Parley's creek water contract, and a mass of other statistics, occupied an hour and a half opposing the proposed water and sewer projects. He contended that the measurements provided for were unjust to the city, that the contract with the farmers made them absolute dictators in case of disagreement over the water supply, that official government reports showed that the inflow of Utah lake was growing less yearly and was likely in a few years to cease altogether during the dry season, and that the contract contains a provision making the city liable in the courts for damages to the farmers in the event of the failure of the exchange water provided for. "The ordinance contains a provision," said he, "that in the event of failure to deliver water to the farmers for twelve hours they may take their water the same as though no contract existed, and that they may seek damages in the courts for any injury that may result to their crops by reason of the failure of the city to fulfill its part of the contract."

Councilman Fernstrom contended that Mr. Dooly had placed a forced construction upon the contract. He said the farmers could after the failure of the city to furnish them water for twelve hours take what water they might need, and that a failure for six months on the part of the city to faithfully perform its part of the contract would nullify the contract. The city would then be left in the same position as regards exchange of water with the farmers as if no contract had been entered into. The farmers could not get damages, because the courts would not interpret the contract that way.

Mr. Dooly read from the contract to prove his contention. He quoted a provision giving the courts jurisdiction to assess "cumulative damages."

Mr. Fernstrom said this provision did not contemplate damages that might result to crops.

W. J. Halloran's Position.

W. J. Halloran said the point raised by Mr. Dooly as to damages the city might have to pay in case it failed to deliver all the water called for by the contract was a new and a serious one to him, and he advised a thorough discussion before definite action was taken. He wanted to know if the \$500,000 bonds could not be voted without committing the city to the farmers' contract. If so he would be in favor of voting them and constructing the Cottonwood conduit and getting water later as needed.

J. D. Wood said he understood the city had until next July to close the contract with the farmers.

"Go ahead," said he, "and build the conduit, and then see if we can't buy water. But if the proposed contract is shown to be the only alternative, go ahead with it. What we want is water and let us get it."

Charles Crane was opposed to both the water and the sewer projects. Mr. Dooly had a second time and reiterated some of his former statements and attacked the sewer scheme.

Black Favors the Water.

Councilman Black said if the farmers' contract could be eliminated he would be in favor of voting the bonds. The city should have water, and he believed it could be obtained in some other way.

Councilman Fernstrom said if the bonds were voted the city would not be bound to go ahead and secure the water provided for in the secure ob-

lained from the farmers. The city would be at liberty to either close or reject the contract. All the city would be pledged to do would be to take water from the Cottonwood.

At 4:40 the guests departed and the members of the association went into executive session. It was 6:30 when they dispersed after adopting a motion referring the water and sewerage matters to the governing board for investigation as to their legal status, with instruction to report at another meeting to be held next Wednesday noon, at which time it is expected to formulate a line of action for the association.

WHERE IS THE LOST EDEN?

Geographical Maps and Manuals Leave Much to Be Desired.

Almost every spot of the globe has been the scene of a "lost Eden." Most persons seem agreed on the fact that Paradise has disappeared from our midst. The question is, where was it? To those who deny the biblical story of man's genesis the question takes another form, and they perplex themselves as to the spot in which man first appeared on this earth. Some evade the difficulty by saying that man appeared in many different spots—that he did not spring from one original.

If we accept the doctrine of the Darwinians, we are forced to confess that the place where man first evolved must have been anything but a Garden of Eden. It must have been a haunt of mere animalism, and its food would certainly not have been fruit. Roughly speaking, therefore, there are two schools—those who believe that man came from a divine original, but fell away from his first estate, to which with infinite labor he may return; and those who believe that he evolved from the beast, and is still evolving to the greatness that he may ultimately attain. Setting aside these somewhat discordant theories, we may well ask, "Where was Eden?"

The soundest scientists are agreed that mankind came from a single origin—whether a distinct creation or an evolution is beside the mark; and the original man must have had a local habitation. The geographical manuals and maps of the middle ages leave a good deal to be desired in the matter of accurate detail, but they have at least the merit of boldness; and as to them for an answer to our question we may get something like a definite reply. According to an old map of the thirteenth century, Paradise is a circular island lying near India. It is surrounded by a wall, in which is a gateway opening to the west; the gate is closed, and the wall quite insurmountable. Our later atlases do not give this imaginary island a place.

Other early maps would have us believe that Eden lay in Central China. We can go with these ancient geographers so far as to place the probable site of man's birthplace in Asia, but the consensus of learned opinion does not incline either to India or China. Eminent authority supports the idea that Eden lay somewhere on the great Babylonian plains watered by the Tigris and the Euphrates—the Perath and Hiddekel of Genesis. Other authorities give vote for Armenia—possibly influenced by the tradition which says that the ark rested on Mount Ararat; but this tradition would only point to Armenia as the probable first home of post-diluvian man.

Professor Delitzsch and Professor Sayce favor Babylon; Heidegger favors Palestine; Media, Arabia and the upper Nile have all their supporters. Quatrefages, treating the subject solely from a scientific standpoint, concludes that linguistic and other human types point to Central Asia, but does not decide on any precise locality.

With the author of Genesis, as Dr. Kalisch has remarked, "Eden is geographically described in a manner which leaves no doubt that distinct locality was before the mind of the author." Even to those who think that this author was building on uncertain traditions, it must yet be of interest to know what this locality was. Babylon was the most fertile land known to the ancient world; its poorest fields repaid cultivation fiftyfold, its better a hundredfold.

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ARE YOU SICK?

Headache.

Dr. J. H. Halloran.

Loss of appetite?

Lack of energy?

Pain in stomach?

Rewards?

These are a few of the signs of indigestion.

Some others are: Wind in the stomach or bowels; constipation or diarrhoea; pale complexion; spots before the eyes; dizziness; loss of flesh; irritability; sleeplessness; nervousness.

All these symptoms will plague and torment you, unless you take prompt action.

Only one sure, in time, to get worse if not treated by the best known scientific method of cure—Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

These curative tablets are composed of ingredients which modern knowledge of the true inward processes of digestion approves of as forming the best, safest, surest and most scientific combination of medicinal drugs, that can be used to relieve all the conditions of ill-health brought on by this much-dreaded disorder.

A disease so "protuberant" or changeable in its manifestations, assuming so many different symptoms that, more times than not, it is mistaken for some other disease altogether, and the poor patient may die, or at best allow the seeds of permanent chronic sickness, to germinate and take root in his system.

So it is a real danger we ask you to avoid, when we say: "In case of doubt, buy Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets."

Even if disordered digestion is not the real cause of your sickness (which, probably, it is), still, it will do you good, and will not hurt you. Shake off your sickness with Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They will help to make your food make you strong, and thus, if in no other way, help you back to health by helping your system to throw off disease like a healthy clock shakes water from its gears.

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HOW HE FOUND HIS WAY OUT.

A Prospector's Experience of Desert Travel.

"The craze to find a metal is a funny thing," says the old prospector in Youth's Companion. "I always had it, and once, in British Columbia, away north, it gave me a close call. I was alone when I got as far as the last settlement. There were four Indians and a fur trader there. They all advised me not to go on into the barrens, but, like a good many others, I thought I was wiser than the natives, and I only meant to go a few miles. I had nothing to do but foot it, and carry my provisions and blankets on my back."

The country was as flat as a floor and bald and smooth as my head, with no landmarks. The only way I could get direction was by the sun and stars. When I had been out for about two days my provisions were nearly gone. I was going to turn back and make a dash for the settlement. All day long a gray cloud had been moving up from the west very slowly. I suppose it was coming on so slow I didn't realize what it meant to be without the sun to guide me. There wasn't even a blade of grass on that desert, nor a living thing,